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Establishment of Increased Inspection Fees

Sections 20760 and 21291 of the California Food and Agricultural Code authorize the Secretary to increase fees up to 20 percent of the statutory fee. A fee increase may occur if costs to administer and to enforce the statutes require a greater fee. The action of the Secretary to increase fees is initiated by a recommendation by the Livestock Identification Advisory Board.

On April 20, 2006, the Livestock Identification Advisory Board met and passed a motion by the required two-thirds vote to recommend that Secretary A. G. Kawamura increase some of the fees associated with the Bureau of Livestock Identification. Secretary Kawamura has approved the following fee increases:

Effective July 1, 2006

From \$1.30 to \$1.44 –	Hide
From \$1.00 to \$1.05 –	Ranch Inspection; change of ownership
From \$1.00 to \$1.05 –	Out of Modified Point of Origin pasture-to-pasture; no change of ownership (suckling calves with mothers are not charged a fee)
From \$1.00 to \$1.05 –	Out of State; change of ownership (all cattle charged a fee)
From \$1.00 to \$1.05 –	Out of State pasture-to-pasture; no change of ownership (suckling calves with mothers are not charged a fee)
From \$1.00 to \$1.05 –	 Destination Inspection Livestock markets Licensed Slaughterhouse Ranch Dispersal or Production Sale Fair or Exposition Sale Private Sales Contract
From \$0.50 to \$0.54 –	Registered Feedlots
From \$0.30 to \$0.36 –	Salesyard and Out of State cattle shipped directly to a Registered Feedlot

To address its on-going budget deficit, the Bureau of Livestock Identification will continue to conduct a review of its current fee structure and an analysis of projected expenditures on a long-term basis. The Bureau will meet with Department staff, beef and dairy representatives and the advisory board to develop a consensus that defines an adequate fee structure for the continuation of the Bureau.

For more information, please contact Greg Lawley at the phone number listed above.